

POINTE COUPEE



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



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Pointe Coupee Parish

**Pointe Coupee
Chamber of Commerce/Office of
Tourism**

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History¹

Established on March 13, 1807, this region was explored by Iberville in 1699. He cut a shallow waterway through a neck of high land circled by the Mississippi River and gave it the name of Pointe Coupee, or "cut point." Canadian trappers came as early as 1708, and were joined by deserters of the French colony at Biloxi. In 1718 Bienville established a post here and gave large land grants to settlers. Later in the century Acadian refugees settled in the parish. Many fine plantation homes are still here.

Culture and Recreation³

French Creole Pointe Coupee Parish was settled in the early 1700s and today displays a wealth of history, culture and beauty that will allow a picturesque journey through time. Celebrations begin with Mardi Gras parades and continue with the annual antique show, old fashioned church fairs, farmers markets and craft bazaars, 4th of July activities, Christmas parades, and the season finale, Noel Sur La Fausse Riviere in New Roads.



Parish Seat¹ New Roads¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

New Roads
1990 5,303
1997 (estimate) 5,388

Parish Population²

1990 22,540
1997 (estimate) 23,532

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 65%
African American 44%
Other 0%
Male 48%
Female 52%
Population age 0-4 7%
Populations age 65 & over 13%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation 32 ft.
Land area in square miles 557.4

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 Water area in square miles⁴ 33.3

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual 68°

January 53°

July 83°

Annual average rainfall 54.8 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian 9,500

Employed 8,530

Unemployed 970

Unemployment 10.2%

Agriculture¹

Soybeans, beef cattle, corn, grain, sugarcane, cotton, forestry and horticulture crops; sugar mill, pecan shelling plant, chipping mill, cotton gin, garment factory, packing company and grain elevator.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Baton Rouge

Louisiana State University

Southern University

 Public Libraries⁵ 5

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	8.4%
High school graduate or higher	58.6%
Some college or higher	22.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.7%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Cajun Electric II (Utility)	335
Formosa/Nanya Plastics (PVC Flexible Film)	300
Winn Dixie Grocery Store (Groceries)	150

Public Employers

Pointe Coupee General Hospital (Medical)	500
Pointe Coupee Parish School Board (Education)	492
City of New Roads (Government)	120

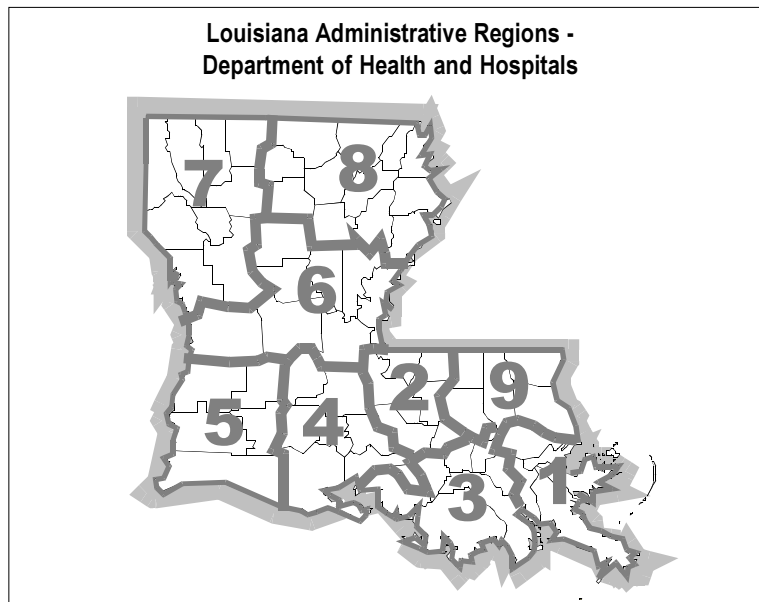
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	23.7%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	34.0%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$16,527



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⁸ U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. 1999. keywords: economics and statistical administration <http://www.doc.gov>.



Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermillion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington